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Florida House Passes Medicaid Reform

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Florida House passing CS/HB 7107 Medicaid Managed Care and CS/HB 7109 Medicaid.

"The House Medicaid reform package represents years of hard work, thought, and public testimony aimed at modernizing and improving Florida's broken Medicaid system. We are bringing more accountability to the system, cracking down on fraud, and improving patient care. The Medicaid reform package will help make Florida's Medicaid program more patient-centered, outcome-oriented, and cost-effective.

"The current Medicaid system does not bring value to either consumers or taxpayers. If the House does nothing, the current Medicaid program will continue to consume a growing share of state resources, limiting available resources for any other program.

"The plan proposed by Chairman Schenck, and approved today by the Florida House, dramatically improves our state's Medicaid program by moving patients into a statewide managed care program. This legislation will ensure costs are contained, the delivery of Medicaid services to patients is coordinated, and that Floridians receive a higher level of access to quality care."